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**NATION**

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**ON THE RADIO**



Kathryn Norris talks about Saturday's "Fight for Your Rights" March on Duval Street.

**Also on today's show:**

- **Judd Wise** — Key West High School
- **Jennifer McComb** — Community Foundation
- **Rick Ramsay** — Monroe County Sheriff
- **Roman Gastesi** — County Administrator
- **Greg Veliz** — City Manager
- **Chuck Bernier** — Key West half-marathon course director
- **Liz Young** — Arts Council

NEWS: 7:30, 8:30 a.m., noon, 5 & 6 p.m.  
Evening Edition 5-5:30 p.m.



## Veteran lawmakers remain busy



Flores

### Last legislative session for Flores, Raschein kicks off

BY TIMOTHY O'HARA  
Key West Citizen

The state legislative session, which started Tuesday, will be the last one for outgoing Florida Keys state House Rep. Holly Raschein and state Sen. Anitere

Flores and it will be a busy one for the two veteran state legislators.

Raschein, R-Key Largo, referred to it on Tuesday as "last one, best one."

"It's going to be exciting," Raschein said.

There is a lot on the table this ses-

sion for both Raschein and Flores, from securing millions of dollars in funding for Keys projects to protecting Keys local governments' ability to enforce their own vacation rental laws. In non-

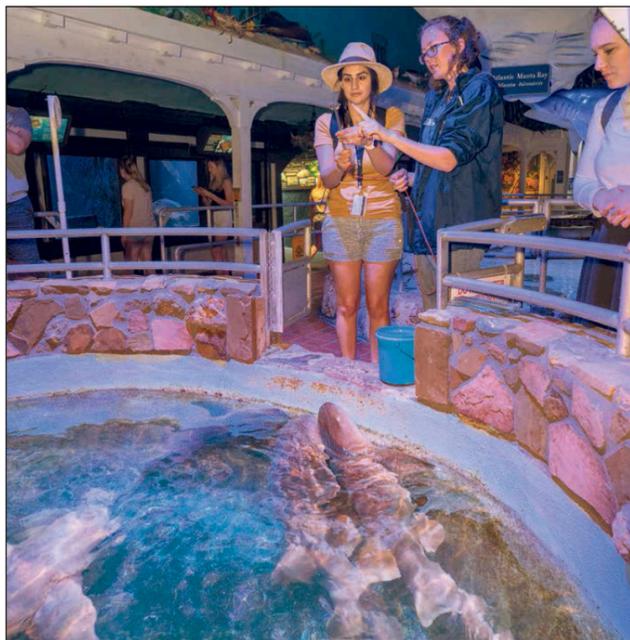


Raschein

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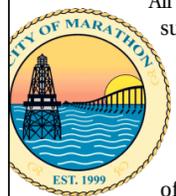
**ABOVE:** Visitors attend a 1 p.m. shark-feeding Tuesday at the Key West Aquarium. The historic facility, which began as the first open-air aquarium in the country, was completed in 1935, giving much-needed jobs to locals during the Great Depression, but was closed later that year after the Labor Day Hurricane destroyed the Overseas Railroad and any hopes of tourism. In 1943, the U.S. government leased the property for the military to be used as a rifle range. Three years later, the aquarium reopened and is now open every day from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and also features sea turtles, alligators, tarpon and dozens of other species. The Great White shark at left was caught off Nantucket in 1969, weighed 3,400 pounds and measured more than 16 feet in length.

**LEFT:** Rae Corley helps visitors feed the nurse sharks Tuesday afternoon at the Key West Aquarium at Mallory Square.

## Marathon acquires conservation land in swap with county

BY JILL ZIMA BORSKI  
Key West Citizen

Marathon recently recommended a conservation land swap deal to Monroe County, which was approved by the county's Land Authority advisory committee. The property value in the swap was about the same, although the number of parcels exchanged varied widely.



All the land is subject to a conservation easement and approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

The Land Authority committee also recently approved committing \$800,000 to the Anchor Inn Motel affordable housing site in Marathon, upping its initial commitment by \$200,000 to be in line with a 75%-to-25% split between county and the municipality, which is becoming protocol but has not been approved formally by the committee.

The committee approved a resolution in December authorizing acceptance of conservation properties in unincorporated areas on Key Largo, Big Pine Key, Middle Torch Key, Ramrod Key and Summerland Key from the City of Marathon, and concurrently approved a resolution authorizing the transfer of conservation properties on Grassy Key, Crawl Key and Fat Deer Key to the City of Marathon subject to a conservation easement. Marathon defines the conservation terms for its parcels itself, which could include workforce or affordable housing, according to county Land

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## Man charged with operating without contracting license

BY TIMOTHY O'HARA  
Key West Citizen

Prosecutors has filed criminal charges against a Big Coppitt Key man for reportedly taking tens of thousands of dollars from a Key West resident for

contracting work he didn't complete and wasn't licensed to do.

Christopher Wardlow, 54, was arrested last week on a charge of contracting without a license based on an arrest affidavit prepared by the Monroe County State Attorney's Office.

In April, Wardlow, working under the business name Wardlow Building Group Inc., entered into an agreement with a resident of the Key West by the Sea condominium complex on

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## Enforcement issues make fees, classes doubtful

BY KEVIN WADLOW  
Key West Citizen

Two controversial proposals — mandatory boating classes and user fees — appear unlikely to be part of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary's draft management plan.



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration staff "considered development of a user fee program

Our visitors already are getting taxed and the (vacation destination) competition is fierce. Sanctuary officials understand the importance of tourism.

ANDY NEWMAN COUNCIL MEMBER

but ultimately eliminated it from further review," says a section of the sanctuary's 581-page Restoration Blueprint,

the draft management plan. "While user fees are successfully implemented at adjacent public lands (nation-

al and state parks), at this time NOAA determined the challenges were greater than the potential benefit gained from a user fee program, and therefore would not be evaluated" in the draft environmental-impact statement.

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## IN THE PUBLIC'S INTEREST:

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## AROUND THE KEYS

*Editor's note: To have your event listed in Around the Keys, e-mail the who, what, where and when to [newsroom@keysnews.com](mailto:newsroom@keysnews.com).*

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### • Town hall meeting

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Stock Island.

### • Medieval music concert

Early Music Key West will present "Dances and Divisions. A Wind Player's Delight," a performance of medieval and renaissance music, at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18, at St. Paul's Parish Hall, 401 Duval St. Tickets are available at the door or on <http://www.eventbrite.com>. For information, email [earlymusicwk@gmail.com](mailto:earlymusicwk@gmail.com).

### • Home tours

Old Island Restoration Foundation's annual Key West Home Tour will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 17-18. Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$45 on the days of the tours. For information or to purchase tickets, visit <http://www.keywesthometours.com>.

### • Library computer classes

The Key West Library, at 700 Fleming St., is offering free computer classes at 10 a.m. Thursday mornings. The classes will focus on new devices, teaching the physical layout of buttons and features, how to navigate home screens and apps using finger gestures, how

to connect to the Internet, how to charge and care for new devices and how to use some of the basic apps. Participants must have a device to bring to the class. Jan. 16 and 30, Windows; Jan. 22, Androids. Computer classes are free and open to the public, but seating is limited. For information or reservations, call 305-292-3595.

### • Coral camp

Reef Relief will offer a Martin Luther King Jr. Coral Camp from Saturday, Jan. 18 through Monday, Jan. 20 for children from 6 to 12 years old. For information about registration and fees, call 305-294-3100 or email [reefrelief@gmail.com](mailto:reefrelief@gmail.com).

## Citizens' Voice

"Citizens' Voice" is a forum for readers to tell us what's on your mind, in 50 words or less. Email [voice@keysnews.com](mailto:voice@keysnews.com) or submit online at <http://bit.ly/KWCitizensVoice>. Comments are subject to editing and are not guaranteed publication.

**"From Fantasy Fest to New Year's,** Key West hosts many events and is so busy due to the weather in the cold north. Please put yourselves in the cruise passenger shoes, for once. How excited they must have been to see that their ship docked here over the holidays or booked especially to see Key West to be decorated so beautifully!"

**"The climate denier poster intimates** that climate scientists are lying about the man made causes of climate change. That would be 98% of the scientific community lying because 'everyone works for a paycheck'. He is right about lying when Exxon Mobil sends another 'paycheck' to Washington to the corrupt GOP politicians who'll say anything for another big donation!"

**"Snowbirds vs. locals. Boomers vs. millennials.** It's all bigoted speech full of hate and needs to end now. We have enough intolerance in the world and need to live up to One Human Family before we ruin paradise with this garbage."

**"Angry Snowbird. Just arrived in** Key West and got my 2020 residential parking permit, only to find that the fee increased to \$20 a 100% increase from last year. To add insult to injury a fee was imposed of \$2 to use a credit card. To further add an insult, the previous 2019 sticker was a nuisance exercise to remove without leaving an annoying shadow of its former self. I thought inflation was about 2%. Citizens, awake! Time to throw these Bubbas out!"

**"If the four tourists are found** guilty of pulling the man from his car and beating him, part of the penalty needs to be they are never allowed in Key West city limits again."

**"What ever happened to the public** beach at the North end of Simonton Street, now know as Lagerheads "small private beach". When will the city stop giving away our beaches?"

**"I wonder who got the first ticket** for running the first red light in Key West?"

**"Snowbirds don't tip, now that's** painting with a broad brush."

**"I had visitors last week and ate** out at five different restaurants ranging from fine dining to a casual place at the Bight. Every single meal had terrible service. The three places where I spoke to the manager all said the same thing. They can not get help. If we don't take dramatic steps to address housing here, even another 50 million in TDC advertising isn't going to help."

**"City Commissioners - when the** women march for equality next week, they are protesting your discrimination against women. Rewrite your ordinances."

**"Being a Baby Boomer myself I** find that my generation always has to the bludgeon people over the head with 'we are supporting the economy, we are trying to make the neighborhood better, etc.' Working in a restaurant, yes a lot of us still work we just don't sit around watching 'Rockford File' reruns, I find my generation has many more demands than others it's a peculiar sense of entitlement."

**"Sorry, pally, but I as a snowbird** (I told you I prefer parolocal) do not declare Florida residency to save money on taxes. I prefer my New York residency because it entitles me to better health care benefits. You clearly aren't aware that your Medicare choices are based on your zip code. Unfortunately Florida does not provide the best. Do your homework. I do, however pay high property taxes."

## TODAY IN KEYS HISTORY



Photo provided by Monroe County Public Library

**On this date in 1993, Julian 'Yankee' Kee, left, known to tourists worldwide for selling shells at Southernmost Point, died at 82.**

**1848:** The new Key West Lighthouse on Whitehead Street was lighted for the first time.

**1855: William R. Hackley** recorded, in part, in his diary: Rose at 5:20 and walked to the Salt Ponds. Bath. At 9 A.M. barometer 29.66, thermometer 65.5, wind northwest light, weather cloudy. Received an invitation to dinner Friday next from Major **William H. Chase** and one for wife and self to a ball to be given to the officers of the Sloop of War Princeton by the Army officers on Wednesday night and I subscribed to a ball to be given to the officers of the Princeton by the citizen. Walked up halfway to the Salt Ponds with **Hatty** and **Charlotte** [daughters]. Charlotte found a Hypo Campus a perfect specimen. **Annie** [daughter] has had swelling behind the right ear for four days, which proves to be the mumps.

**1902:** Some of the leading African American citizens organized a grocery business known as the Mutual Mercantile Company. The officers were: **C.E Dupont**, president; **Joseph G. Brown**, vice-president; **Joseph Lang**, secretary and **James A. Fleming**, treasurer.

**1954: Raymond Cabrera**, a 27-year veteran of the Key West Police Department, was named chief by the city commission.

**1971: Roger Foster**, who admitted he killed charter boat Capt. **Douglas Trevor** and his son **Edward** off the Marquesas Keys in 1963, was found guilty of second degree murder.

**1993: Julian "Yankee" Kee**, 82, known to tourists worldwide for selling shells at the Southernmost Point, died.

**1995: John Hersey**, who died at age 78 on March 24, 1993, was remembered when his home on Windsor Lane was dedicated as U.S. Literary Landmark.

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## TODAY IN HISTORY

On **Jan. 15, 2009**, US Airways Capt. **Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger** ditched his Airbus 320 in the Hudson River after a flock of birds disabled both engines; all 155 people aboard survived.

On this date in:

**1892:** The original rules of basketball, devised by **James Naismith**, were published for the first time in Springfield, Massachusetts, where the game originated.

**1929:** Civil rights leader **Martin Luther King Jr.** was born in Atlanta.

**1943:** Work was completed on the Pentagon, the headquarters of the U.S. Department of War (now Defense).

**1967:** The Green Bay Packers of the National Football League defeated the Kansas City Chiefs of the American Football League 35-10 in the first AFL-NFL World Championship Game, retroactively known as Super Bowl I.

**1973:** President **Richard M. Nixon** announced the suspension of all U.S. offensive action in North Vietnam, citing progress in peace negotiations.

**1987:** Entertainer **Ray Bolger**, perhaps best known for playing the Scarecrow in the 1939 MGM musical "The Wizard of Oz," died in Los Angeles at age 83.

**1993:** A historic disarmament ceremony ended in Paris with the last of 125 countries signing a treaty banning chemical weapons.

### TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actress **Margaret O'Brien** is 82. Actress **Andrea Martin** is 73. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer **Randy White** is 67. Actor-director **Mario Van Peebles** is 63. Rock musician **Adam Jones** (Tool) is 55. Actor **James Nesbitt** is 55. Actor **Chad Lowe** is 52. Alt-country singer **Will Oldham** (aka Bonnie Prince Billy) is 50. Actress **Regina King** is 49. Actor **Eddie Cahill** is 42. NFL quarterback **Drew Brees** is 41. Rapper/reggaeton artist **Pitbull** is 39. Actor **Victor Rasuk** is 35. Actress **Jessy Schram** is 34. Electronic dance musician **Skrillex** is 32.

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TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
79 Mostly sunny; nice	72 Partly cloudy	79 72 Mostly sunny	78 72 Mostly sunny	79 73 Partly sunny; breezy	80 70 A passing shower



### ALMANAC

Key West Monday

TEMPERATURES	Actual	Normal	Last Year	Record
High	82	74	81	83/1993
Low	76	64	70	41/1981

PRECIPITATION

Monday	Trace	0.07	0.00	1.47/1993
Month to date	0.01	0.83	0.06	17.64/1983
Year to date	0.01	0.83	0.06	62.92/1969

### MARINE

**TODAY:** Wind E 10-20 knots. Seas 4-8 feet. Visibility generally unrestricted.

**TONIGHT:** Wind E 10-20 knots. Seas 4-7 feet. Patchy clouds.

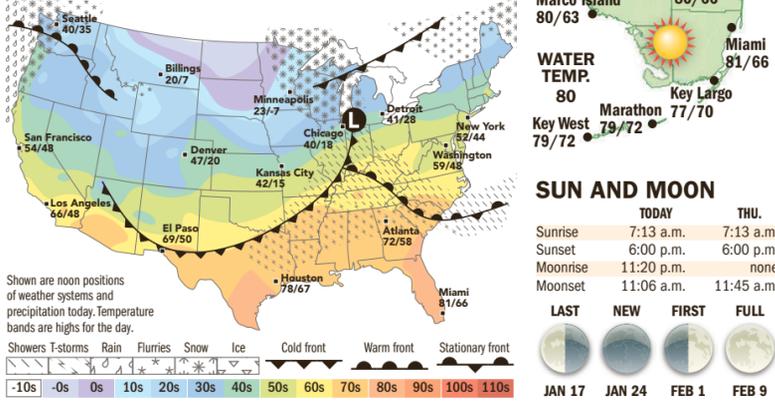
### TIDES

	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
Today	12:40a	7:04a	1:42p	7:09p	12:38p	6:14a	---	6:33p
1/16	1:42a	7:49a	2:30p	8:25p	12:53a	7:05a	1:27p	7:39p
1/17	2:55a	8:37a	3:22p	9:48p	1:57a	7:58a	2:20p	8:49p
1/18	4:23a	9:28a	4:19p	11:08p	3:09a	8:55a	3:17p	10:00p

### MARATHON

	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
Today	12:40a	7:04a	1:42p	7:09p
1/16	1:42a	7:49a	2:30p	8:25p
1/17	2:55a	8:37a	3:22p	9:48p
1/18	4:23a	9:28a	4:19p	11:08p

### NATIONAL FORECAST TODAY



**SPOT THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION** Source: [spotstation.nasa.gov](http://spotstation.nasa.gov)  
 Date: Wed 1/15, 7:18 PM Visible: 2 min. Max Height: 23° Appears: 11° above S Disappears: 23° above SSE

## ROADWORK

### • U.S. 1, Mile Markers 8.27 though 32.53

Roadway and fencing improvement project to restore shoreline along the roadway and replace and repair existing fence on Big Pine Key. The project is expected to be complete in August 2020.

### • U.S. 1, Mile Markers 20.42 though 23.48

Landscape improvement project to lay out planting beds. Expect shoulder closures. The project is expected to be completed in August 2021.

### • U.S. 1, Seven-Mile Bridge

Bridge rehabilitation project from Mile Marker 40 to Mile Marker 46.8. Spalling work under the bridge. Expect nighttime bridge closures and daytime lane shifts to accommodate bridge repair and concrete pours for the next six to eight months. Specific dates to be displayed 48 hours in advance of closures. The project is expected to be completed in May 2020.

### • U.S. 1, Mile Markers 59.73 though 85.96

Shoulder, shore and path restoration project. The project is expected to be complete in April 2020.

### • Snake Creek Bridge

Bridge rehabilitation project at Mile Marker 85. Expect nighttime single-lane bridge closures to accommodate bridge repair. The project is expected to be completed in April 2020.

### • Information

For traffic information, consult 511 or 305-849-1847 or go to <http://www.fl511.com>. For questions, call FDOT at 786-510-3921 or email [psummers@mrgmiami.com](mailto:psummers@mrgmiami.com).

## IN PORT

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Disney Magic Pier B 7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	Norwegian Sky Pier B 7 a.m.-4 p.m.	Silver Wind Mallory 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Cruise ship information is provided by the City of Key West. For updated information, call 305-809-3790.

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# MILE MARKERS

## TAVERNIER

### Art show may delay traffic

The Monroe County Sheriff's Office is alerting motorists that they should expect traffic issues Saturday near Mile Marker 89.

The 37th annual Art Under the Oaks will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at San Pedro Catholic Church at Mile Marker 89.5.

The Sheriff's Office expects traffic delays — both northbound and southbound — through the area from approximately 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Motorists are asked to plan accordingly during those times. On-site parking costs \$5. Shuttle buses will run from Coral Shores High School. Parking is not allowed on the U.S. 1 right-of-way.

For information, visit <http://www.sanpedroparish.org>.

## KEY WEST

### Bus service delayed due to half-marathon

There will be no bus service west of Simonton Street between 6 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 19, because of the Key West Half-Marathon.

The free Duval Loop bus in Old Town will not begin service that day until 11 a.m., according to city spokeswoman Alyson Crean.

Additionally, riders may see some short delays Monday afternoon because of the Martin Luther King Jr. March.

For real time information on bus schedules and locations, download the Key West Florida mobile app, available in the App Store or on Google.

## STOCK ISLAND

### Cates to hold first town meeting as commissioner

Monroe County Commissioner Craig Cates will host a town hall meeting on Thursday, Jan. 16.

The meeting will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Bernstein Park Community Center on Stock Island.

The public is invited to meet the commissioner and chat with him about any comments, concerns, or issues on how "we can all work together for our future," he said.

County staff will also be on hand to answer any questions. The town hall will not be televised.

This is Cates' first town hall meeting since taking office last month. He is filling the term of Danny Kolhage, who resigned from office in November.



Monroe County Commissioner Craig Cates will host his first town hall meeting on Thursday.

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The Associated Press

Light shines on the U.S. Capitol dome in Washington recently.

## Sending articles of impeachment vote set for Wednesday

### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The House is preparing to vote Wednesday to send the articles of impeachment against President Donald Trump to the Senate to start the historic trial, several people told The Associated Press.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi met privately Tuesday at the Capitol with House Democrats about next steps, ending her blockade almost a month after they voted to impeach Trump on charges of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress.

Pelosi suggested the House vote on Wednesday to transmit the charges and name the House managers for the case, according to several Democrats who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the closed-door meeting.

The action will launch the Senate proceeding, only the third presidential impeachment trial in American history, a dramatic endeavor coming amid the backdrop

of a politically divided nation and an election year. Trump was impeached by the Democratic-led House last month on charges of abuse of power over pushing Ukraine to investigate Democratic rival Joe Biden and obstruction of Congress in the probe.

The trial would begin in a matter of days. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell opened the Senate on Tuesday scoffing at what he called the "bizarro world" of Pelosi's impeachment strategy that delayed transmitting the charges for weeks.

"Do these sound like leaders who really believe we are in a constitutional crisis, one that requires the ultimate remedy?" McConnell asked.

McConnell met behind closed doors later Tuesday with GOP senators as they negotiated the terms of the trial. Senate Republicans are signaling they would reject the idea of simply voting to dismiss the articles of impeachment against Trump as he has suggested.

## FLORIDA BRIEFS

### 4 Florida panthers found dead in year's 1st 2 weeks

#### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Four Florida panthers have been reported dead in the first two weeks of 2020. Three of the deaths were caused by vehicle strikes, while the fourth was killed by a train, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission said. The remains of an adult female were collected last Thursday near a Collier County farm worker village. An adult male was found dead near railroad tracks in Polk County on Jan. 4. An adult female was found dead Jan. 2 just south of the Spirit-of-the-Wild Wildlife Management Area in Hendry County, and the remains of a panther of unknown age and sex were collected on New Year's Day near Dinner Island Ranch Wildlife Management Area in Hendry County.

A total of 27 Florida panthers were reported killed in 2019, with 23 of those being from vehicle strikes.

### 1 person found dead after house fire

CITRA — One person was killed in a Florida house fire Monday morning, and a firefighter was injured, officials said. Rescue workers responded to the Citra home following 911 calls, according to Marion County Fire Rescue. One caller said they had heard multiple explosions from the home and that a resident was trapped inside, the Ocala Star-Banner reported.

The house was completely involved in flames with firefighters arrived, officials said. A district captain was knocked to the ground after making contact with a live power line. The captain was taken to a local hospital in stable condition and later was upgraded to good condition, rescue officials said. The victim was declared dead at the scene. Fire officials didn't immediately identify the victim or what caused the fire.

### Missing teen got past airport security

ORLANDO — A 15-year-old girl who was reported missing told police she used a drink coupon to get past a security checkpoint at a Florida airport. The police statement conflicts with a statement from the TSA, which said she presented a valid boarding pass.

Orlando television station WESH reported Monday that the central Florida teen, who has autism, went missing last week. The report said the teen told detectives she took a bus from the northwest suburb of Apopka last Friday to Orlando International Airport, where she found a drink coupon on the floor and used it to get through the TSA pre-check security checkpoint.

## EU rebukes Iran over nuclear violations, sanctions possible

### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRUSSELS — Britain, France and Germany ratcheted up pressure on Iran Tuesday to cease its violations of a landmark nuclear deal, stressing that they want to resolve differences through talks while starting the clock on a process that could result in a so-called "snapback" of United Nations sanctions.

The three countries, which signed the international agreement in 2015 along with the United States, Russia and China, said in a letter to the European Union's foreign policy chief that they had no choice but to trigger the deal's "dispute mechanism," given Iran's ongoing transgressions.

The three said they rejected Tehran's argument that Iran was justified in violating the deal because the United States broke the agreement by pulling out unilaterally in 2018.

"We have therefore been left with no choice, given Iran's actions, but to register today our concerns that Iran is not meeting its commitments," the countries said in a joint statement.

EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell, who coordinates the agreement on behalf of the world powers, said the pressure on Iran from Europe does not mean international sanctions will automatically be slapped on the Islamic Republic.

The aim of the move by France, Germany and Britain is "to find solutions and return (Iran) to full compliance within the framework of this agreement," he said.

Hours later, Iran's Foreign Ministry warned of a "serious and strong response" to the European move.

However, Foreign Ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi said Iran was "fully ready to answer any good will and constructive effort" that preserves the nuclear deal. He was quoted Tuesday by the official IRNA news agency.

The Europeans stressed that they want to "resolve the impasse through constructive diplomatic dialogue" and made no threat of sanctions in their statement.

They also specifically distanced themselves from sanctions imposed by the U.S.

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## OPINION

## Import drugs to help lower prices

### Editorial

As a candidate, Donald Trump campaigned hard for lower prescription drug prices. As president, Trump hasn't done much to make those promises a reality — until recently.

Last month, U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex Azar announced — and Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis celebrated — the start of a 75-day public comment period on federal regulations to allow states to shop in Canada for lower-priced prescription drugs.

This could be good news for Florida — if it's done right.

We hope it is, because the state is already invested. In addition to signing a law last summer allowing for drug imports from Canada, DeSantis has requested \$25 million in his 2020-21 budget proposal to hire a contractor to help get the program off the ground. Also last summer, the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration submitted a proposal to federal officials, which it estimates would save the state roughly \$150 million in prescription drug costs.

The plan calls for a vendor to work with licensed Canadian suppliers to export specific high-cost drugs approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to Florida. Once approved, the imported drugs would be dispensed by local pharmacies to anyone with a prescription.

Federal law currently places strict limitations on importing prescription drugs. But as need for drug price relief grows, so does the need for bipartisan support to address the problem.

The Democratic-led House of Representatives has passed a bill allowing the federal government — as it does for Medicare and Veteran Administration recipients — to negotiate

for lower prices, but the Republican-led Senate is slow-walking the bill because Big Pharma has yet to warm to the idea.

Kudos to DeSantis then, for pushing for legislation that allows Florida to import prescription drugs from Canada when it wasn't clear if federal authorities would give the state permission to do it.

Trump's proposed new initiative is still not a slam-dunk, however. To date, neither the FDA nor Canadian officials can guarantee the quality or safety of imported medicines. Cost savings aren't a sure-thing either, thanks to the middlemen operating in commercial scale drug importation.

Still, this situation is a matter of life-and-death for a growing number of Floridians. The cost of prescription drugs continue to rise. Americans spend \$1,200 a year on prescription drugs, more than people in other parts of the developed world.

Are there other ways to curb high prescription drug prices? Yes. The federal government already has a law, Section 1498, which allows it to fairly compensate patent holders and avoid strict patent protections.

In the case of pharmaceuticals, HHS authorizes a drug maker to produce a low-cost generic version, which the federal government could buy in bulk. Using this provision of federal law is a better way to curb prescription drug prices in the long-term.

But right now, importing drugs from Canada and other countries is the bright shiny object that has everyone's attention. Given the gridlock in Washington, it may be the best low-cost prescription for what ails our health-care system.

— Gainesville Sun



## Great Recession: 'Reparations' gone bad

BY LARRY ELDER  
Syndicated Columnist

Some of the Democratic candidates for president support studying reparations to blacks to compensate for slavery. But in many ways, America has made reparations to blacks. What are race-based preferences if not a form of compensation for historical wrongs? Many cities have "set-aside" programs that award government contracts to minority contractors. President Lyndon Johnson pushed his Great Society programs to "end poverty and racial injustice."

But few think of the federal government's housing policy, particularly the Community Reinvestment Act, or the CRA, as a form of reparations. But that is exactly what it was and still is. In many ways, the so-called Great Recession of the late 2000s was a product of affirmative action and a form of reparations gone bad. Really bad.

In 1999, almost a decade before the Great Recession, the libertarian Cato Institute issued a warning about the CRA, which President Jimmy Carter signed in 1977. The CRA was based on the assumption that racist lenders denied mortgages to credit-worthy would-be borrowers, particularly minority applicants. The act initially merely sought data on banking practices to encourage lenders to practice fairness in granting mortgages.

But President Bill Clinton, in 1995, added teeth to the CRA. Economists Stephen Moore and Lawrence Kudlow explained: "Under Clinton's Housing and Urban Development (HUD) secretary, Andrew Cuomo, Community

Reinvestment Act regulators gave banks higher ratings for home loans made in 'credit-deprived' areas. Banks were effectively rewarded for throwing out sound underwriting standards and writing loans to those who were at high risk of defaulting. If banks didn't comply with these rules, regulators reined in their ability to expand lending and deposits.

"These new HUD rules lowered down payments from the traditional 20 percent to 3 percent by 1995 and zero down-payments by 2000. What's more, in the Clinton push to issue home loans to lower income borrowers, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac made a common practice to virtually end credit documentation, low credit scores were disregarded, and income and job history was also thrown aside. The phrase 'subprime' became commonplace. What an understatement."

But is it true that banks were discriminating against minority borrowers?

CATO, in 1999, said despite widespread accusations and lawsuits alleging discriminatory lending, the facts show otherwise. CATO said: "Researchers using the best available data find very little discernible home-mortgage lending discrimination based on area, race, sex or ethnic origin. ...

"Other well-structured studies also found no evidence of redlining or unwarranted geographic discrimination. Thus, the claim that lenders redlined or were biased in making loans for the purchase of homes in central cities is not supported. Nor did the studies find that financial institutions discriminated against actual or potential borrowers on the basis of the racial or ethnic composition of neighborhoods."

What caused this narrative that racist banks refused would-be minority borrowers?

Enter lawyers like then private citizen and attorney Barack Obama. In 1995, Obama, representing 186 blacks, filed a class action mortgage discrimination lawsuit against Citibank. The case was settled, and his clients got mortgages.

But, according to the Daily Caller in 2012, just 19 of Obamas 186 clients still had their homes. About half had gone bankrupt and/or had their homes in foreclosure.

Incredibly, at least two of his former clients now believe banks should be prevented from lending to people who otherwise cannot afford their homes. One client said: "If you see some people don't make enough money to afford the mortgage, why should you give them a loan? There should be some type of regulation against giving people loans they can't afford."

Lending standards became so lax that virtually anyone who could fog up a mirror got a home. Then along came the recession, and a lot of people lost homes that they would not have bought in the first place but for lax lending standards.

The result? According to the Federal Reserve, from 2010 to 2013, white household median net worth — a household's assets minus its liabilities — increased 2.4%. But black net worth fell from \$16,600 to \$11,000, a four-year drop of 34%. As another of Obama's former clients put it, "(Banks) were too eager to lend money to many who didn't qualify."

In 1999, the Cato policy paper on the CRA made the following recommendation: "The Clinton administration wants an even stricter CRA. But more than two decades of its operation suggest that repealing rather than tightening the act would be the economically and socially responsible thing to do."

Too bad nobody listened.  
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## Congress should be insulted but not surprised by military action

BY GEORGE F. WILL  
Washington Post Columnist

There are 99 better, or at least less abject, senators. However, Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., is inadvertently useful by incessantly demonstrating the depths to which senators sink when they jettison institutional responsibilities to facilitate subservience to presidents of their party. Consider the contrast between Graham and Mike Lee, R-Utah, concerning Congress' responsibilities regarding war.

Recently, administration officials, in what they evidently considered an optional concession to inferiors, gave a short (75 minutes), closed-door congressional briefing on military action against supposedly imminent threats from Iran. Presidential freedom to unilaterally commit acts of war unrelated to imminent threats would amount to an uncircumscribed power to undertake not just limited preemptive actions but to wage preventive war whenever a president unilaterally decides this might enhance national security. Lee is famously mild-mannered but



wasn't after what he called an "insulting and demeaning" briefing in which executive branch officials instructed Congress concerning what it can debate: The briefers, who included Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Defense Secretary Mark Esper, warned that making military action subject to congressional authorization might encourage Iranian aggression. Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del., asked whether, if the administration decided to take the extreme action of assassinating Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's supreme leader, it would at least notify Congress. The briefers would not say so.

Congress last declared war on June 5, 1942, against Hungary, Bulgaria and Romania, with a war already raging. This was 78 years and many wars ago. A power neglected, like a muscle never exercised, atrophies. Now Graham says that even debating, not a declaration of war but merely the wisdom of past military actions and necessary authorization for future ones, means "empowering the enemy." Last April, Pompeo was asked in a Senate hearing: Is the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force against al-Qaida and other nonstate actors responsible for 9/11 sufficient authorization for the president to wage war 18 years later against Iran? Pompeo laconically said he would prefer to "leave that to lawyers" — presumably those he employs.

With a few exemplary exceptions, notably Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine, congressional Democrats, too, have been situational ethicists about their responsibilities regarding war. The Obama administration's shambolic intervention in Libya's civil war, the costs of which are still mounting, proceeded unaccompanied by congressional authorization but swaddled in executive branch sophistries. Barack Obama's Justice Department vigorously defended what no one denied — that presidents may initiate military action without congressional approval. The issue, however, was that the administration then said that thousands of air strikes, which caused numerous casualties over seven months and had the intended result of regime change, did not constitute "hostilities."

Last Wednesday's briefing caused Lee to endorse Kaine's proposal to direct the president to stop engaging in hostilities against Iran or any portion of its government or military unless continuation is explicitly authorized by a congressional declaration of war or other authorization of force. Senate passage of this would take Democratic unanimity and two more Republicans joining Lee and Kentucky's Rand Paul in supporting it. The House presumably would concur. Although Senate Republicans would subsequently sustain a presidential veto, virtues are habits,

and this exercise might be the beginning of congressional involvement in decisions about war and peace becoming habitual.

Presidential discretion is presumptively greatest regarding foreign relations. And many aspects of the modern age — weapons of mass destruction; the swift, perhaps surreptitious and potentially intercontinental delivery of such weapons; the multiplication of violent nonstate actors — have radically altered the context in which the Framers' spare language in the Constitution's pertinent provisions must be construed: The Congress has the power "to declare war"; the president is commander in chief of the armed forces.

Coons asked the briefers this: Suppose that in coming months the administration concludes that Iran, having shed the nuclear agreement's constraints, is about to acquire a nuclear weapon. Would you need authorization from Congress prior to strikes meant to prevent this? The briefers would not agree even to consultation with Congress, although Coons several times restated and narrowed the question. Congress should not be surprised when the executive branch takes Congress' responsibilities regarding war no more seriously than Congress does.

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## Swap

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Authority Director Charles Pattison.

The Land Authority Advisory Committee makes recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners, sitting as the Land Authority governing board, on matters related to property acquisitions. The committee was established in 1986.

The committee consists of five members who serve three years. The committee's composition is a resident from the City of Key West, the Lower Keys, the Middle Keys and the Upper Keys; and a representative of a non-profit corporation or association dedicated to the acquisition of land for conservation and preservation purposes.

In total, 102 properties were exchanged with 90% having wetlands. Marathon transferred 18 properties in exchange for 84 within the county. The lots had been acquired by the county and city through a point system of the Rate of Growth Ordinance, which allocates points for land donations, and may hasten acquisition of building permits.

Marathon's Planning Director George Garrett had argued the land swap was a more efficient use of resources and the committee agreed.

Pattison said the value of the county land was \$360,000 but two properties were purchased through a Florida Communities Trust grant of about \$196,000, netting

\$163,000. These were swapped for the lands within Marathon's borders that were valued at \$156,000.

Previously, at its November meeting called to order by Vice Chairman Linda Cunningham, the land committee unanimously approved a resolution committing acquisition funding for the City of Marathon's purchase of the Anchor Inn Motel affordable housing site subject to conditions.

Pattison said in October, the committee approved a resolution committing \$600,000 toward the city's purchase of the property; however, 75% percent of the purchase price has been the norm and used with the municipality of Islamorada, so the committee preferred to increase the funding level to \$800,000 to be consistent.

Garrett addressed the committee during the discussion, and Habitat for Humanity of the Middle Keys Executive Director Christine Todd-Young also attended because Habitat for Humanity stands to operate the Anchor Inn site when housing is built. The city planned to acquire the property through the Land Authority and, through a partnership with Habitat for Humanity, agreed in August 2019 that the city would lease the property to Habitat for Humanity for an acceptable price per year.

The 2020 budget of the Land Authority is nearly \$20 million. The committee is set to meet again Wednesday, Jan. 29, at the Marathon Government Center.

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## Lawmakers

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Keys specific issues, the two Republican state legislators will be voting on such critical issues as playing college athletes, pay increases for new teachers and hurricane recovery funding that could benefit the Keys and the Panhandle area of Florida.

Local Keys governments continue to focus on water quality and land acquisition needs and the importance of affordable wind insurance rates, as most Keys property owners are covered by the state regulated and insurer of last resort Citizens Property Insurance Corp.

Raschein and Flores, on behalf of local Keys governments, have filed bills that would split the judgments and legal expenses from expensive Florida Keys land takings cases between the local governments and the state.

Takings case could be a big issue in the next decade as some have speculated that the Florida Keys may not receive any more state-issued Rate of Growth Ordinance (ROGO) units, which are needed to turn vacant lots in residential properties.

This means some property owners will not be able to develop their land and could sue the local governments for a taking of their land.

Currently, the state and the county have informally split such legal costs, but the bill would formally codify the partnership.

The Senate version of the takings bill will have its first committee stop Wednesday in the Senate Judiciary Committee, according to Raschein.

The House will take up the bill in Civil Justice Subcommittee next week.

The Monroe County government is seeking legislative appropriations of \$20 million for water quality and \$5 million for land acquisitions as part of the Florida Keys Stewardship Act, \$750,000 for the vessel pump out program, \$3 million for the Overseas Heritage Trail, and \$500,000 for upgrades to the Guidance Care Center's Baker Act Receiving Facility.

The City of Key West is closely following a bill that could not only undermine its effort to protect the coral reef from harmful versions of sunscreens but also keep the city from regulating Duval Street cosmetic shops that have come under fire for their high-pressure sales tactics.

State Sen. Rob Bradley (R-Orange Park) and House Rep. Spencer Roach (R-Fort Myers) have filed bills trying to overturn the City of Key West's ban on sunscreen, which also impacts the Southernmost City's ability to regulate cosmetic shops.

"Notwithstanding any other law or local ordinance or regulation to the contrary, the regulation of over-the-counter proprietary drugs and cosmetics is expressly preempted to the state," the bills state. "This act shall take effect July 1, 2020."

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## Issues

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Easy access to the water on both sides of the Keys means "it is not feasible to control access to manage and ensure compliance with collection of user fees. Many challenges to implementing, managing and enforcing

a user fee program were identified," the report says of administrative, collection and enforcement hurdles.

A volunteer working-group "considered the need for innovative funding opportunities to fund coral and seagrass restoration activities."

During an open December discussion among members of the Florida Keys Sanctuary Advisory Council, board chair-

man Clinton Barras said he remains "a strong advocate of user fees. ... We can tap into all these visitors."

Council member Andy Newman disagreed, saying, "Our visitors already are getting taxed and the [vacation destination] competition is fierce. Sanctuary officials understand the importance of tourism."

Rationales for an indefinite delay on a

mandatory boating program for vessel operators were similar.

"The Sanctuary, unlike Everglades National Park, has a high number of access points (individual homes, boat ramps, marinas, etc.) and does not require permits for access, making it more challenging to ensure user compli-

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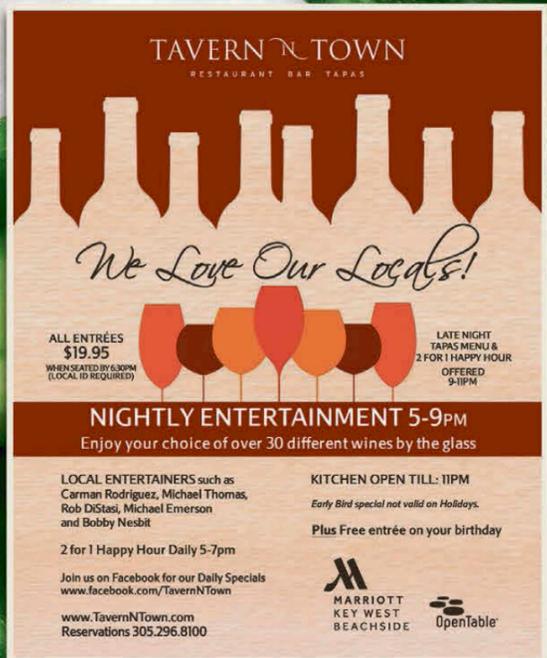
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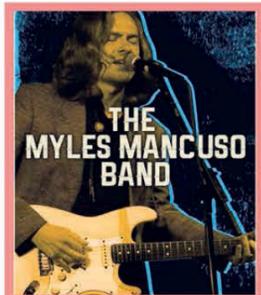


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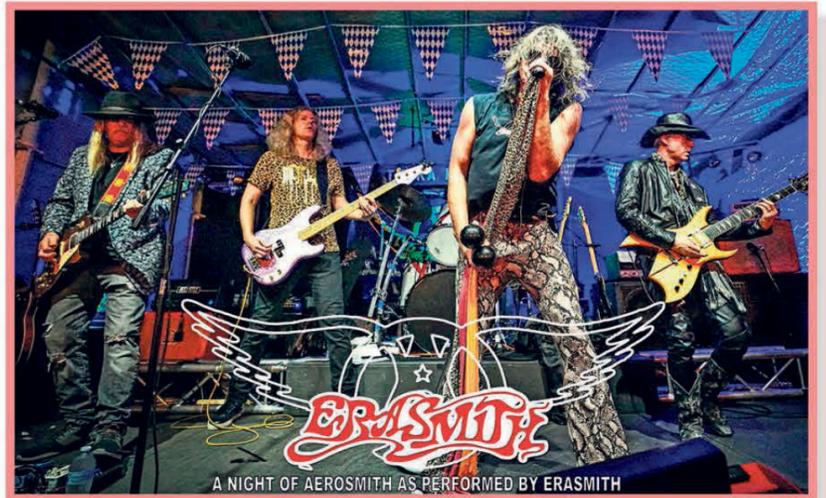
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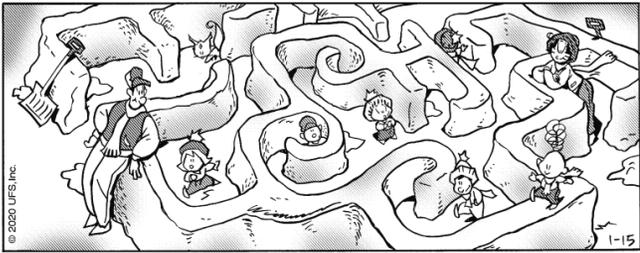


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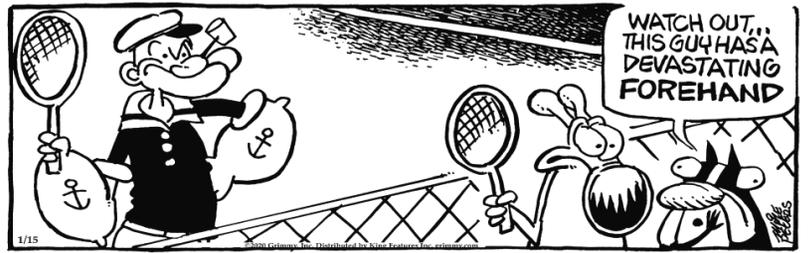
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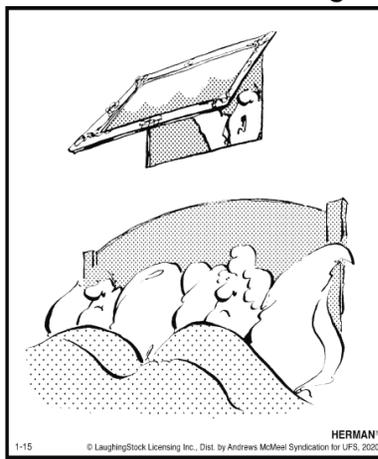


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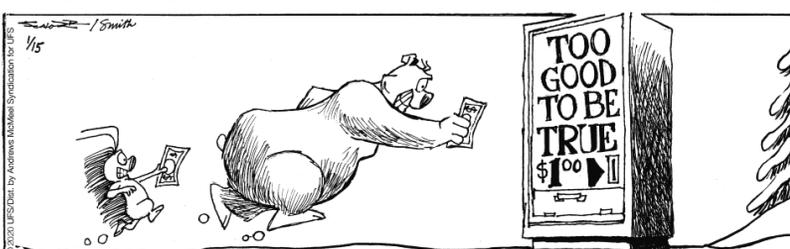
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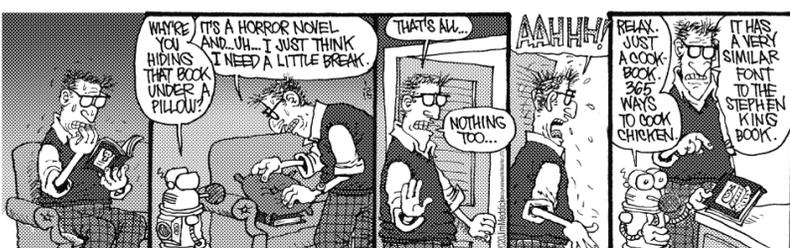
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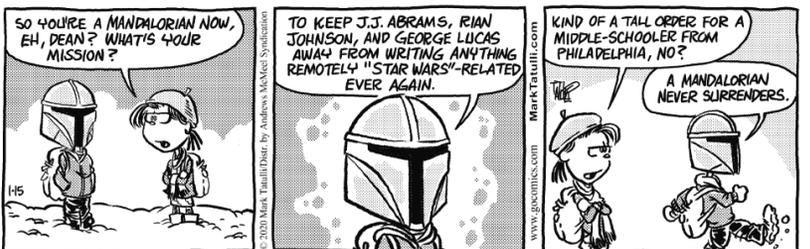
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Answer: Betty White

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South Roosevelt Boulevard to remodel his condo. The proposal was for \$40,350 and in four separate transactions from February through

July, the condo owner paid Wardlow a total of \$35,100, according to State Attorney's Office spokesman Larry Kahn.

Wardlow "did demo work, tile work and some electrical work but did not complete the job," State Attorney's

Office Investigator Frank Zamora wrote in the arrest affidavit.

Wardlow is not licensed to perform any contracting work, Kahn said. He has several complaints against him with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation and that agency revoked his general contractor's license on April 23, 2018. In addition, Wardlow's certifications in assessing mold and

remediating mold damage expired.

Also, his Monroe County Building Department license has had a "hold" on it since 2017, Kahn said.

Zamora was contacted about Wardlow by Key West police in October and worked the case with Mark Terrell, an investigator with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

The charges come as the

Monroe County Sheriff's Office is receiving an uptick in complaints about a scam involving another form of construction work — paving of parking lots in the Lower and Middle Keys.

Some of that work maybe being done by people who are not licensed contractors.

The Sheriff's Office has taken three reports in the last three weeks regarding unusual and suspicious incidents

of asphalt workers arriving at businesses or organizations in the Lower and Middle Keys and doing work unsolicited, then demanding payment, Sheriff's Office spokesman Adam Linhardt said. The Sheriff's Office reminds residents and business owners to verify that any contractor is licensed and report work that is unauthorized or under code.

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### ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, January 23, 2020, at 5:30 P.M., the Islamorada, Village of Islands Village Council will hold a public hearing at Founders Park Community Center located at 87000 Overseas Highway, Islamorada, Florida. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider the following item:

#### SECOND PUBLIC HEARING

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA CONSIDERING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 163, FLORIDA STATUTES, BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND COCONUT COVE RESORT & MARINA, INC., AND PAUL E. BATES FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 84801 OVERSEAS HWY, WINDLEY KEY WITH REAL ESTATE NUMBERS 00094000-000000, 00093970-000100, AND 00094010-000000; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE VILLAGE OFFICIALS TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ANY OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

A copy of the item may be reviewed at the Village Administrative Center and Public Safety Headquarters, 86800 Overseas Highway, Islamorada, Florida. The intent of the proposed Development Agreement is to recognize undeveloped development rights on Coconut Cove Resort, including an additional 4,500 square feet of undeveloped non-residential square footage and to resolve the status of existing nonconforming uses on the Property. The proposed recognition of additional transient units is not anticipated to add new residents to Windley Key. The maximum building height will not exceed 35 feet per the Village Land Development Regulations.

Affected parties may appear at the public hearing, be heard and submit evidence with respect to the applications.

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**ADA Assistance:** In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, all persons who are disabled and who need special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of that disability should contact the office of the Village ADA Coordinator at (305) 664-6448 (TTY 664-8890) at least three days prior thereto.

Two or more committee members from various committees may be present at this meeting.

*Ty Harris*

Ty Harris  
Director of Planning

January 15, 2020 Key West Citizen

## Issues

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ance with and enforcement of a mandatory boater education requirement," NOAA staff wrote.

At the December Sanctuary council session, members pointed to "more boaters

with bigger boats" as risks to Sanctuary resources already under threat.

An online, voluntary boating course for operating a vessel in the tricky waters of the Keys already exists.

"NOAA acknowledges that enhanced boater education is needed and is committed to working with other agency

partners, the state, and the advisory council to develop and implement a more robust boater education program within the sanctuary," NOAA staff wrote.

The federal agency noted the state of Florida, which has jurisdiction over more than half of Keys Sanctuary waters, already has its man-

datory boat-operator course for people born in 1988 and later.

Written comments on the Keys draft management plan will be accepted until Jan. 31 at <http://www.floridakeys.noaa.gov/blueprint/>.

When options are narrowed down, expected to happen later in 2020, a new round of hearings on proposals will be held in the Keys.

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL LSU WINS 3<sup>rd</sup> TITLE — 2B



### SPORT SHORTS

#### Robb Smith hired as Rutgers D coordinator

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Robb Smith has been hired as Rutgers' defensive coordinator.

Scarlet Knights coach Greg Schiano announced the hiring Tuesday, the latest move that brings back a former member of his Rutgers coaching staff.

Smith spent four seasons on the Scarlet Knights' staff. He also worked with Schiano at the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Smith was Rutgers' defensive coordinator and secondary coach in 2012. He was special teams coordinator and linebackers coach in 2011, special teams coordinator and cornerbacks coach in 2010 and special teams coordinator and outside linebackers coach in 2009.

Smith spent the 2019 season as a defensive analyst with Texas A& M. Before that, he served as the defensive coordinator at Minnesota in 2017-18 and three seasons at Arkansas as the defensive coordinator and secondary coach.

With the Buccaneers, he was a linebackers coach.

Before his first stint with Rutgers, Smith worked at the University of Maine from 2002-08, the final three seasons as assistant head coach and defensive coordinator. His coaching career began as a graduate assistant at Iowa from 1999-2001.

### SPORTS ON TV

#### AUTO RACING

**6:30 p.m.**  
NBCSN — Dakar Rally 2020: Stage 10, Haradh to Shubaytah, Saudi Arabia (taped)

#### COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

**5 p.m.**  
ESPNU — St. Francis at Farleigh Dickinson

**6:30 p.m.**  
ACCN — Boston College at Syracuse  
FS1 — Seton Hall at Butler  
SECN — Kentucky at South Carolina

**7 p.m.**  
BTN — Indiana at Rutgers  
CBSSN — Creighton at Georgetown  
ESPN2 — Virginia at Florida State  
ESPNU — Tennessee at Georgia

**8:30 p.m.**  
ACCN — Notre Dame at Georgia Tech  
FS1 — St. John's at Providence  
SECN — Vanderbilt at Arkansas

**9 p.m.**  
BTN — Penn State at Minnesota  
CBSSN — Southern Methodist at Houston  
ESPN2 — Auburn at Alabama  
ESPNU — Wichita State at Temple

**10 p.m.**  
PAC-12N — Stanford at UCLA

#### GOLF

**1:30 p.m.**  
Korn Ferry Tour: The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic, Final Round, Great Exuma, Bahamas

**8 p.m.**  
GOLF — Asian Tour: The Singapore Open, First Round, Singapore

#### NBA BASKETBALL

**7 p.m.**  
ESPN — Brooklyn at Philadelphia  
9:30 p.m.  
ESPN — Portland at Houston

#### NHL HOCKEY

**8 p.m.**  
NBCSN — Philadelphia at St. Louis

#### TENNIS

**6 p.m.**  
ATP/WTA: Auckland-ATP,  
Adelaide-ATP/WTA & Hobart-WTA  
Quarterfinals; Australian Open  
Qualifying

#### FIND IT ONLINE



### TRACK & FIELD

# SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS



Photos by RON COOKE/The Citizen

Marissa Kalsey let go of the pole and flew over the crossbar with a vault of about 12 feet, 3.5 inches in flight No. 3.

## Event brings out elite, 1<sup>st</sup> time vaulters

BY RON COOKE  
Key West Citizen

Despite a little tailwind that was appreciated by the 50 participants in six flights, the second annual Pole Vault in Paradise far exceeded the expectations of Key West Track and Field president and event director Steve Hanes.

In the inaugural event, the one runway was erected on the concrete quay wall at the Truman Waterfront Park.

With strong winds forecast, the double-runway competition was set up in the grassy area adjacent to the playground making for a very comfortable setting.

Between his stints as emcee, Hanes was basking the success of the event, with proceeds going to the Key West High School track and field team.

"The sun has come out at the Truman Waterfront Park and we're getting ready to watch some of the best pole vaulters in the world," said Hanes on Saturday morning. "It's turning out wonderful. When you do an event like this there are so many details and you worry about everything but the only mess-up I had was I forgot to go interview with Rick Lopez on Wednesday. It turned out great."

Key West Mayor Teri Johnson welcomed the crowd after the blessing of the pits and National Anthem.

"It's a terrific event. There is so much



The oldest competitor Howard Booth, 76, cleared 7 feet, 6 inches to put him No. 1 in the U.S. and the world in his age group for outdoor competition to go with his 2019 indoor No. 1 ranking.

excitement about pole vaulting. I've talked to more people on the streets who had no idea we had a national pole vaulting event," said Johnston. "Steve did a great job of organization and promoting the event. It's going to get bigger and better every year. You can't have a better group of people in town than athletes. It's just a great group of people to invite into Key West. And I hope they come back year after year."

For the oldest competitor in the event, it

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Rodger Bozard, 47, had not vaulted since his high school days but with a little coaching from his son and Key West High vaulter, Gage Bozard, the elder Bozard cleared 8 feet to take sixth in flight No. 1.

## Runners set to explore Key West on Sunday

### CITIZEN STAFF

The 22nd annual Key West Half-Marathon & 5K is to draw several thousand runners to compete Sunday, Jan. 19, in the subtropical island city's historic Old Town and scenic waterfront.

Lauded repeatedly as one of the United States' "bucket list" half-marathons, the race typically attracts American and international runners to test their speed and endurance in Key West's balmy January climate.

The sporting challenge begins at 7 a.m., with participants proceeding along a flat, fast 13.1-mile half-marathon course amid the island city's Victorian architecture, historic land-

marks and harbor-front businesses. A 5K is scheduled to start at 7:15 a.m. for those who prefer a shorter course.

The event's registration booth is to be set up from 3 to 6 p.m. Friday and noon to 6 p.m. Saturday inside the Turtle Kraals and outside the Half Shell Raw Bar, both located at 231 Margaret St. at the Key West Historic Seaport. Participants can pick up race packets during that time and attend a race expo as well.

The following day, packets can be picked up between 5:30 and 6:30 a.m. The half-marathon begins at the corner of Caroline and Grinnell streets at the Historic Seaport and ends near



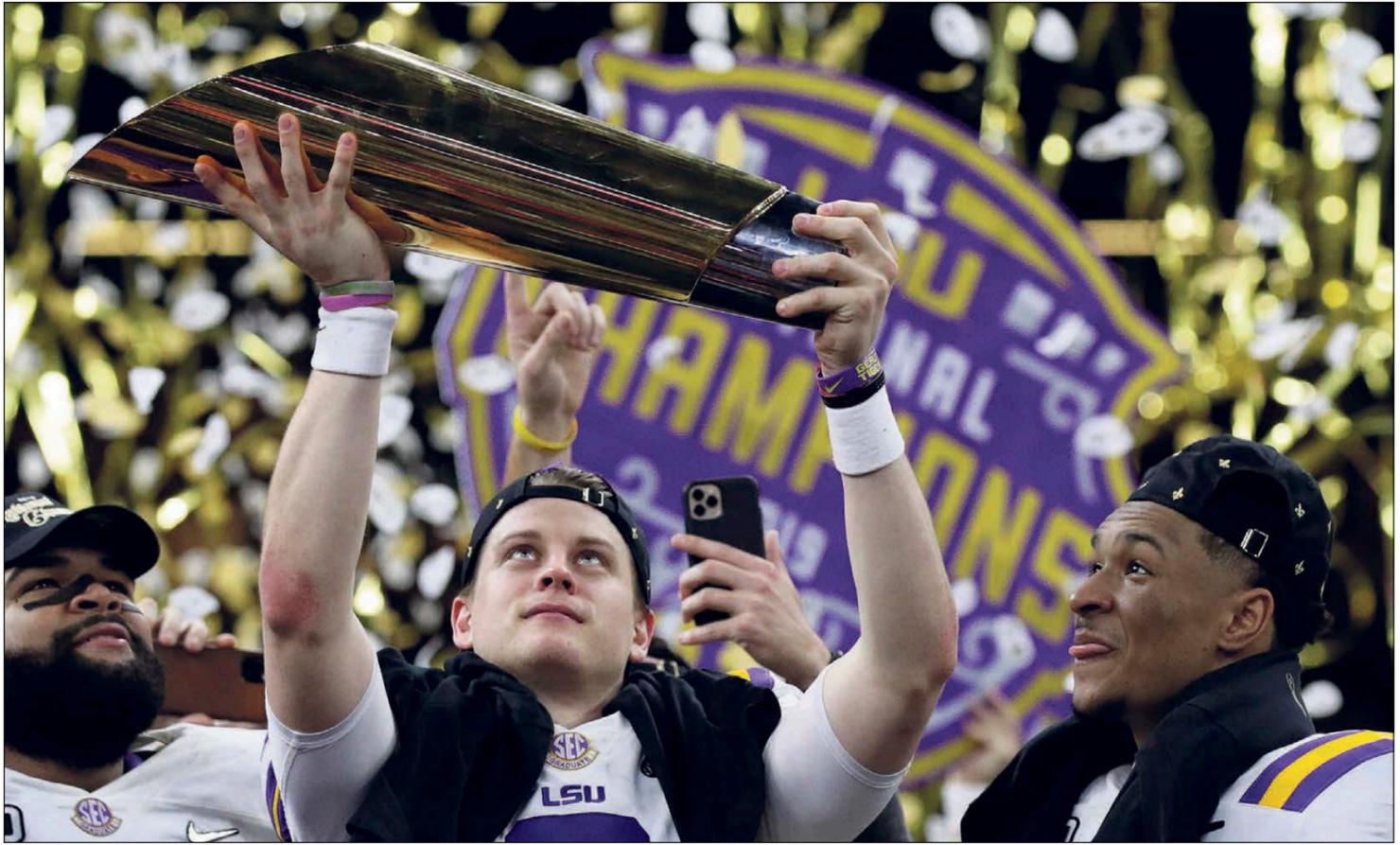
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Once the rain subsided for the 21st annual Key West Half Marathon, runners reveled in the cooler weather as they trudged down Atlantic Boulevard. The forecast for the 7 a.m. start of the 22nd annual event is light winds and mild temperatures.

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

## CHAMPIONS!



Sue Ogrocki/The Associated Press

LSU quarterback Joe Burrow holds the trophy as safety Grant Delpit looks on after the NCAA College Football Playoff national championship game against Clemson, Monday, Jan. 13, in New Orleans. LSU won 42-25.

## Burrow, LSU beat Clemson 42-25 for title

NEW ORLEANS — From small-town Ohio kid to Louisiana legend, Joe Burrow capped his record-breaking, Heisman-winning season by bringing a national championship to LSU.

Burrow threw five touchdown passes, ran for another score and finished off one of the most accomplished seasons in college football history by leading the top-ranked Tigers to a 42-25 victory against No. 3 Clemson on Monday night in the playoff final.

"He's one of the greatest players in LSU history," Tigers coach Ed Orgeron said. "He's done so much for the state of Louisiana and LSU. We are so grateful to Joe Burrow."

The senior quarterback from The Plains, Ohio, delivered the Tigers (15-0) their first national title since 2007 and fourth overall, breaking a few more records along the way in what was already an historic season. His five TD passes and 463 yards passing are the most for a BCS or College Football Playoff title game. So were his six total touchdowns.

"This is what I wanted to do from the time I was 5 years old, was hoist this trophy. And bringing it back to Louisiana," Burrow said, then caught himself. "I guess we're in Louisiana, but staying in Louisiana, we weren't going to let someone come in here and steal this from us in our home state."

"We have a great fan base that came out and supported us. We were going to keep this thing right here."

Under a shower of sparkling white, gold and purple confetti, Burrow raised the CFP championship trophy toward the Superdome roof. The party was on — no doubt already raging on nearby Bourbon Street.

Burrow became the first major college quarterback to throw 60 touchdown passes in a season and LSU snapped defending national champion Clemson's 29-game winning streak. For the first time in his college career, Clemson star quarterback Trevor Lawrence was on the losing team.



Gerald Herbert/The Associated Press

Clemson quarterback Trevor Lawrence (No. 16) leaves the field after the NCAA College Football Playoff national championship game against LSU in New Orleans. LSU won 42-25.

"I hate how it finished," the sophomore said. "But man, we did some really amazing things."

The Tigers (14-1) had won Lawrence's first 25 starts.

"It's been a long time since I've stood in front of a team after a loss," Clemson coach Dabo Swinney said.

On this night, Lawrence (18 for 37 for 234 yards) was no match for Burrow — the Ohio State transfer who threw all of 16 TD passes last season with LSU.

His ascent has been dizzying and unprecedented. Running a version of the New Orleans Saints' offense brought to LSU by 30-year-old assistant coach Joe Brady, Burrow and an array of talented receivers transformed these Tigers into one of the most prolific offenses college football has ever seen.

The Saints' Drew Brees, Burrow's idol growing up, could not have done it better.

This was Orgeron's vision for LSU when he was promoted from interim coach in 2016. There was plenty of skepticism about the Cajun who had failed in his first crack as a head coach with Mississippi.

Orgeron has proved to be the perfect fit

for LSU. Just like Burrow.

After tossing his fifth touchdown pass of the night, a perfectly placed jumped ball to Terrace Marshall Jr. from 24 yards out to make it 42-25 with 12:08 left in the fourth, Burrow signaled TD and strolled to the sideline.

The Superdome is LSU's dome away from home, about 80 miles from the Tigers' Baton Rouge campus — and it was rocking.

The LSU band broke out its unofficial anthem, "Neck," and as the Tigers bounced and waved towels on the sideline, Burrow just sat on the bench, bobbing his head and waving one arm.

Joe Cool. Just doing his thing. Next stop: The NFL draft, where he will likely be the first pick in April.

The final score was lopsided, but it was far from easy for LSU and Burrow.

Clemson pushed LSU into the deepest hole it had to climb out of this season in the first half. Two weeks after Lawrence ran for a career-best 107 yards against Ohio State, he opened the scoring with a 1-yard jaunt around right end in the first quarter.

After B.T. Potter kicked a career-long 52-yard field goal for Clemson to make it

10-7, the Tigers sprung receiver Tee Higgins on a 36-yard reverse for a score to make it 17-7 in the second quarter.

It took LSU 5:19 to wipe that out and take the lead, with Burrow and his favorite receiver, Ja'Marr Chase, doing most of the damage. The Heisman winner hit the Biletnikoff Award winner with a long ball to set up a quarterback draw from 3 yards out to make it 17-14.

Burrow and Chase hooked up for a 14-yard touchdown with 5:19 left in the second quarter and LSU fans erupted as their Tigers took the lead for the first time, 21-17. They never looked back.

Chase finished with nine catches for 221 yards.

The SEC Tigers weren't done. Burrow led LSU on a 95-yard drive, taking a hard shot on a long run before finding Thaddeus Moss, son of former NFL star receiver Randy Moss, standing alone in the end zone. That made it 28-17 with 10 seconds left in the half.

Clemson defensive coordinator Brent Venables flummoxed LSU for most of the first quarter, with tight coverage and hard-to-decipher blitzes. Burrow, Chase and Co. put up 269 yards in the second quarter.

"Coach Venables is great at what he does, it just took us a while to get it figured out," Burrow said.

Did they ever. LSU dropped 628 yards and six touchdowns on a Clemson team that came in allowing 264 yards and 11.5 points per game.

"Weapons all over the field. We've been seeing it all year," LSU safety Grant Delpit said. "Just seeing how many weapons we had on offense is just crazy."

Over the last three games of his spectacular season, against Georgia in the Southeastern Conference championship game and Oklahoma and Clemson in the playoff, Burrow passed for 1,305 yards and 16 touchdowns. LSU won those games by a combined score of 142-63.

## Two sports journalists honored at Superdome

NEW ORLEANS — The Superdome in New Orleans honored two sports journalists who recently died with a tribute Monday night in the press box during the College Football Playoff national championship game between Louisiana State and Clemson universities.

Seats were reserved for Carley McCord and Edward Aschoff, the Lafayette Daily Advertiser reported. LSU won the title game over Clemson 42-25.

McCord, 30, died in a plane crash in Louisiana last month while headed to the Peach Bowl to see LSU play Oklahoma in Atlanta. She was a sports reporter for WDSU-TV in New Orleans and appeared as a sideline reporter for ESPN.

McCord had also been honored with a reserved seat in the press box at the Superdome



Scott Clause/The Daily Advertiser via AP

Carley McCord, right, interviews Acadiana head coach Matt McCullough, left, last year.

when the New Orleans Saints played the Minnesota Vikings in the first round of the NFL playoffs on Jan. 5, according to the Advertiser.

Aschoff died Dec. 24, on his 34th birthday, after battling pneumonia. He was a college football reporter for ESPN.

## Schools with most national championships in the Associated Press college football poll:

<b>11</b> Alabama — 1961, 1964, 1965, 1978, 1979, 1992, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2017	<b>Four</b> Minnesota — 1936, 1940, 1941, 1960. Nebraska — 1970, 1971, 1994, 1995.
<b>Eight</b> Notre Dame — 1943, 1946, 1947, 1949, 1966, 1973, 1977, 1988	<b>Three</b> Clemson — 1981, 2016, 2018. Florida — 1996, 2006, 2008. Florida State — 1993, 1999, 2013.
<b>Seven</b> Oklahoma — 1950, 1955, 1956, 1974, 1975, 1985, 2000.	LSU — 1958, 2007, 2019. Texas — 1963, 1969, 2005.
<b>Five</b> Miami — 1983, 1987, 1989, 1991, 2001. Southern Cal — 1962, 1967, 1972, 2003, 2004. Ohio State — 1942, 1954, 1968, 2002, 2014.	<b>Two</b> Army — 1944, 1945. Auburn — 1957, 2010. Michigan — 1948, 1997. Penn State — 1982, 1986. Pittsburgh — 1937, 1976.

## SPORTS

## ON THE WATER

## Upcoming Florida Keys fishing tournaments

No matter what the season, there's always something to fish for in the waters surrounding the Florida Keys and Key West. The calendar lists select tournament highlights. A comprehensive schedule of Keys angling challenges can be found at <http://www.fla-keys.com/fishing>.

**Through July 31:** Key West Fishing Tournament. Anglers of all ages and abilities can target more than 40 species of fish in the Key West Fishing Tournament, a free-entry multi-division challenge that takes place Dec. 1 to July 31, 2020. The tournament features divisions for men, women, junior anglers ages 10 to 15 and Pee Wees under 10 years old — making it ideal for extended families and multigenerational groups who want to share the angling experience. For information, visit <http://www.keywestfishingtournament.com>.

**Jan. 16-19:** Key West Kingfish Mayhem. Big fish, big money! Come fish for some of the largest kingfish in Florida Keys waters in this new tournament. Fishing headquartered at Stock Island Marina. First prize could earn \$15,000 cash, based on a 50-boat field. For information, call Jimmy Wickett at 954-605-8284, email [info@meatmayhemtournaments.com](mailto:info@meatmayhemtournaments.com) or visit <https://www.meatmayhemtournamentsfl.com/key-west-kingfish-mayhem>.

**Jan. 20-21:** 31st annual Al Flutie Over the Hill Rip-Off Sailfish Tournament in Islamorada. Dubbed "almost too much fun for old guys to handle," the tournament is locally referred to as the Flutie, welcomes anglers age 50 and over. Proceeds benefit "Catch the Cure" for Cystic Fibrosis and the Monroe Association for ReMARCable Citizens, providing life services to Monroe County's adult intellectually disabled residents. For information, visit <http://www.marchouse.org/index.php?content/fundraisers>.

**Jan. 24-26:** Cheeca Lodge Presidential Sailfish Tournament in Islamorada. Second in the Gold Cup series. Anglers put 20-pound line and light-tackle skills to the test during the two-day challenge against

the high-flying acrobatic fish, known for tail-walking the waves. Only circle hooks can be used. "The Presidential" typically awards sophisticated sculpture trophies to top anglers who release the most sailfish. For information, call Lisa Thornhill at 305-517-4512, email at [LThornhill@cheeca.com](mailto:LThornhill@cheeca.com) or visit <http://www.cheeca.com/experience/fishing>.

**Jan. 29-30:** IFC Sailfish Tournament in Islamorada. Presented by the Islamorada Fishing Club, the event is the last leg this year of the three-pronged Florida Keys Gold Cup Championship series and typically draws a field of up to 30 boat teams of elite sport fishermen. Kickoff is 1/29 and fishing day is 1/30. A total cash payout for a full field at the IFC Sailfish Tournament could reach \$30,000. For information, visit <http://www.theislamoradafishingclub.com>.

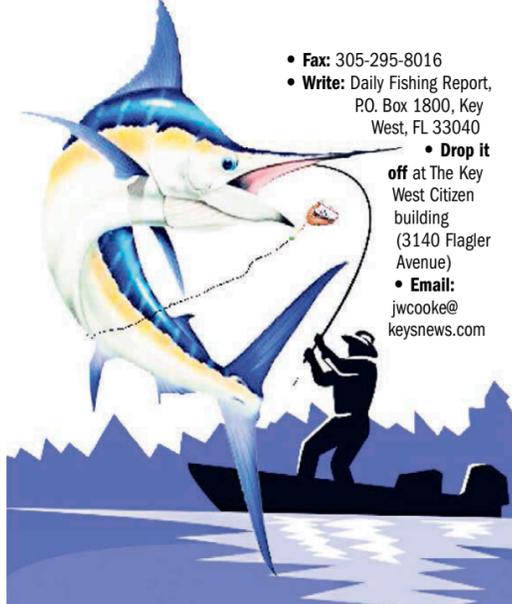
**Jan. 30-Feb. 1:** Cuda Bowl in Key West. Shallow water flats anglers and guides are invited to hook-up and fight their barracuda rivals. Event will be headquartered at Hurricane Hole Marina, Stock Island. Prizes and trophies are to be awarded for top angler and guide in light tackle spin and fly divisions. For information, call Loren Rea at 305-360-6969, email [info@cudabowl.com](mailto:info@cudabowl.com) or visit <http://www.cudabowl.com>.

**Jan. 31-Feb. 1:** Swamp Guides Ball in Islamorada. Sponsored by the Florida Keys Fishing Guides Association, this all-release event offers team and individual awards to anglers for bonefish, redfish and snook. Anglers fish the shallows of the Florida Keys and the saltwater fringes of the Everglades. Social events are to be headquartered at the Lorelei Restaurant & Cabana Bar. For information, visit <https://fkfga.org>.

**Feb. 4-5:** Poor Girls Sailfish Tournament in Islamorada. This regional charity competition raises monies to spay and neuter feral cats in the Upper Keys. Trophies are awarded to first-, second- and third-place teams, grand champion and runner-up grand champion anglers as well as for the largest dolphin fish, kingfish and tuna, among others. For information, visit <http://castingforcats.org/poor-girls-sailfish-tournament>.

**Feb. 7-9:** Islamorada Women's Sailfish Tournament. In this light-tack-

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le challenge, awards await the grand champion team (boat), first runner-up and second runner-up team, captain and mate. Other awards are presented for the high-point angler; outstanding catch; largest tuna, dolphin fish; kingfish; and hard luck. Proceeds benefit Keys charities. For information, call Tammy Gurgiolo at 305-240-9337 or email [fishnbully@msn.com](mailto:fishnbully@msn.com).

## PRO FOOTBALL

## REST OR RUST?

## Bye week hazardous for Chiefs and Ravens, but KC survives

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The San Francisco 49ers and Green Bay Packers used their bye week to rest, relax and recharge.

Now they'll meet in the NFC championship for the first time since 1997, when Reggie White, Brett Favre and that Pack bested Steve Young and Ken Norton Jr.

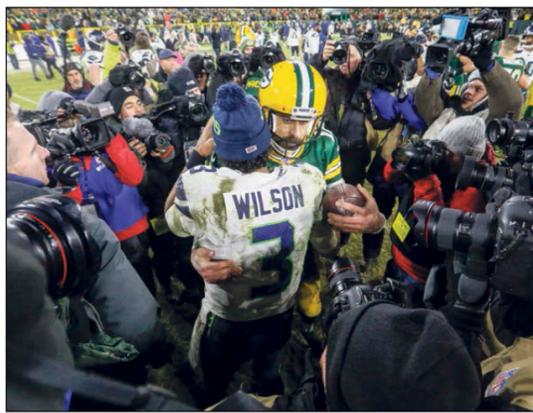
The R & R from the first-round bye proved more like rust, ruin and rubbish in the AFC, where the Ravens and Chiefs, the top two seeds, fell into 22-point and 24-point holes, respectively, in their return to action over the weekend.

Kansas City overcame the 24 points they spotted Houston thanks to last season's NFL MVP, Patrick Mahomes, and some debatable decisions by Texans coach Bill O'Brien in a wild 51-31 win.

Baltimore didn't bounce back, bowing to Tennessee 28-12 with its first loss since Sept. 29, rendering moot a fantastic season and calling into question quarterback Lamar Jackson's playoff panache.

Behind Derrick Henry, who's on the greatest eight-game stretch by any running back in the history of a league that's celebrating its centennial season, the Titans are in their first conference championship game in 20 years.

The Chiefs reached their second straight AFC title game at Arrowhead Stadium thanks to a 51-7 run engineered by Mahomes and helped along by O'Brien's decisions not to go for it on fourth-and-inches from the Kansas City 13 and then to try a fake punt on fourth-and-4 from his own 31 minutes later while still ahead



Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers talks to Seattle Seahawks' Russell Wilson after an NFL divisional playoff game on Sunday in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The Packers won 28-23.



Tennessee running back Derrick Henry (22) celebrates during the second half of an NFL divisional playoff game against the Ravens on Saturday in Baltimore. The Titans won, 28-12.

## 24-7. BALTIMORE BOWS OUT

Now the Ravens know how the Broncos felt eight years ago when Baltimore upset Denver in double overtime on its way to winning Super Bowl 47.

Riding Peyton Manning's successful comeback from neck fusion surgery that led to his release from the Colts in 2012, the Broncos entered the playoffs riding an 11-game winning streak and earned the AFC's top seed with a 13-3 record. But they lost for the first time in 98 days thanks in large

part to safety Rahim Moore's ill-timed jump that allowed Jacoby Jones to haul in a 70-yard touchdown pass from Joe Flacco in the final minute of regulation.

That, and coach John Fox's decision to have Manning take a knee with two timeouts and 31 seconds remaining, playing for overtime instead of a last-second retort.

The 2019 Ravens went 14-2, the best regular season in franchise history, earned a No. 1 seed for the first time, and received a record-breaking perfor-



San Francisco quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo (10) celebrates after the 49ers beat the Minnesota Vikings, 27-10, in an NFL divisional playoff game on Saturday in Santa Clara, California.



Kansas City quarterback Patrick Mahomes celebrates as he comes off the field after an NFL divisional playoff game against the Houston Texans on Sunday in Kansas City, Missouri.

mance from Jackson, their second-year QB who turned the NFL upside down with his unmatched mobility and improved pocket presence. They had 12 players picked to the Pro Bowl, tying a record, and five All-Pro.

And they lost in the divisional round.

"This game is going to be the one that we'll remember because it's the last one," coach John Harbaugh said. "I told them, in the end, there's only one team that gets to be the one true champion — and that's not going to be us this year."

Jackson set an NFL record for yards rushing by a quarterback (1,206) and led an offense that compiled more yards on the ground (3,296) than any in league history. Although he accounted for more than 500 yards of offense against the Titans, Jackson committed three turnovers and was twice stuffed on fourth-and-1 runs in falling to 0-2 in the playoffs.

In addition to finishing sixth in the league in rushing, Jackson threw for 3,127 yards and 36 touchdowns with only six interceptions. But he

was picked off twice and lost a fumble against Tennessee.

"I need to improve on everything, whether it's running, throwing the ball, pocket poise, everything," Jackson said.

## TEXANS TUMBLE

For a while Sunday it appeared as though the fourth-seeded Texans would be hosting the AFC championship next weekend.

But they imploded after jumping out to a big early lead and O'Brien faced the heat for his fake punt that Daniel Sorensen sniffed out in time to stop Justin Reid shy of a first down, giving the Chiefs a short field for a quick touchdown en route to scoring 41 consecutive points.

"We felt like we had to manufacture some points, manufacture some yards and it just didn't work out. When you're playing a team that is that explosive on offense, you've got to try and keep scoring," said O'Brien, who also took heat for kicking a short field goal on fourth-and-inches rather than going for the first down and potentially a 28-0 lead.

The Texans became the first team in NFL history to lead a playoff game by at least 20 points and then lose by at least 20, and the 24-point lead they squandered tied for the fourth-biggest in playoff history.

Houston quarterback Deshaun Watson came to his coach's defense when asked if he's the right man to lead the Texans.

"You might have doubt, but I don't," Watson said. "I love that man, and I'll always play hard for that man. You all can say what you want to say in the media, but as long as I'm at quarterback, he's cool with me. He's got my heart."

## NFL POSTSEASON GLANCE

## WILD-CARD ROUND

Saturday, Jan. 4

Houston 22, Buffalo 19, OT  
Tennessee 20, New England 13

Sunday, Jan. 5

Minnesota 26, New Orleans 20, OT  
Seattle 17, Philadelphia 9

## DIVISIONAL ROUND

Saturday, Jan. 11

San Francisco 27, Minnesota 10  
Tennessee 28, Baltimore 12

Sunday, Jan. 12

Kansas City 51, Houston 31  
Green Bay 28, Seattle 23

## CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday, Jan. 19

Tennessee at Kansas City, 3:05 p.m. (CBS)  
Green Bay at San Francisco, 6:40 p.m. (FOX)

## SUPER BOWL

Sunday, Feb. 2

At Miami Gardens, Fla.  
NFC champion vs. AFC champion, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

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# SPORTS



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Jimmy Bass, Assistant CEO at Lower Keys Medical Center, crushed the record of 2 feet, 6 inches set by Rick Lopez in 2019 with a vault of 7 feet and first place in the celebrity competition.

## Pole Vault in Paradise Results

<b>Flight 1</b>		Jill Marois	4.05m
Humberto Valdez	10'0"	Alexandra Pevtsova	3.90m
Paul Golibart	9'6"	Marissa Kalsey	3.75m
Ashlyn Hubbard	9'0"	Kenzie Shell	NH
Jazlyn Perlawff	8'6"	<b>Flight 4</b>	
Joey Wardlow	8'6"	Austin Miller	5.60m***
Rodger Bozard	8'0"	Carson Waters	5.45m
Howard Booth	7'6"	Audie Wyatt	5.30m
Deborah Hindsley	7'6"	David Bell	5.30m
Brenda Babits	7'0"	Garrett Starkey	5.30m
Nelson Saywer	6'6"	Michael Cyphers	5.15m
Karen Rieger	6'0"	Sean Young	5.00m
<b>Flight 2</b>		Nate Hiett	5.00m
Flay Deates	3.75m	DJ Horton	5.00m
Don Curry	3.60m	Tray Oates	DNC
Gary Hunter	3.60m	<b>Flight 5</b>	
Tony Brown	3.00m	Jason Olivera Jr.	3.90m
Steve Hanes	DNC	Ethan Hunt	3.75m
Jeff Brower	DNC	Elijah Newman	3.60m
Eric Richard	DNC	Sylar Hall	3.60m
Parul Babits	DNC	Gage Bozard	3.30m
<b>Flight Celebrity</b>		Ethan Hritz	3.30m
Jimmy Bass	7'0"***	Olivia Rodriguez	2.85m
Elle Taylor	6'0"*	Adrienne Salemme	NH
Joey Cooke	6'0"	Emilio	DNC
Britt Meyers	6'0"	*World Drag Queen Record (Bungee)	
Rick Lopez	5'0"	**Key West Island Celebrity Record	
<b>Flight 3</b>		***Key West Island Men's Record	
Noah St. Pierre	4.80m		
Dillion DeChristopher	4.35m		
Nati Shephard	4.20m		



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Key West Mayor Teri Johnston welcomed the crowd at the second annual Pole Vault in Paradise.



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The media was well represented in the celebrity flight with Britt Myers, left, publisher of the Key West Weekly; Rick Lopez, General Manager of Florida Keys Media and Voice of the Conchs football; and J.W. Cooke, Sports Editor for The Key West Citizen.

## Event

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was a landmark day for Howard Booth, 76.

"It was a good day. I'm still working on a sore hamstring so my run wasn't what I'd like it to be but overall it was good," explained Booth, who vaulted 7 feet, 6 inches. "The conditions were fine — just on the edge of too windy — but most of the time there was a good tailwind, and [it was a] well organized meet."

Booth, who competed in 2019 event, said the layout was

so much better than on the concrete deck.

"It gives you more room all around. This is an improved location and the two runways instead of just one last year," said Booth, who has plans to return in 2021.

Booth's vault catapulted him to the top of his age group worldwide.

"In spite of it not being a great day for my vaulting, it's still the world's best for 2020 for my age group of 75-79. I am ranked No. 1 in the U.S. and the world in indoors, now outdoors for my age group."

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The conditions were less than favorable for the first 30 minutes of the 2019 Key West Half Marathon, but the rain let up for wheelchair athlete William Lehr, who led runner Bryan Stansberry (No. 4 overall), near mile No. 3 on South Roosevelt Boulevard.

## Runners

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Caroline and Margaret streets.

An awards ceremony and party will follow the race, with entertainment by Howard Livingston & the Mile Marker 24 Band.

Awards await the first- through third-place male and female finishers in five-year age groups ranging from 9 and younger to

75 and older, as well as the top overall competitors and those in the masters division. All finishers in the half-marathon and 5K will receive finisher medals.

The half-marathon entry fee is \$120 per person, and the 5K entry fee is \$55 per person. A military discount is available; contact [info@keywesthalfmarathon.com](mailto:info@keywesthalfmarathon.com). Each entrant receives a race shirt.

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**FICTITIOUS NAME**

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CASE NO.: 19-CA-000737-K

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vs.  
DIANE DOHERTY,  
Defendant.

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on or before February 21, 2020, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court, at the Monroe County Courthouse, Key West, Florida, either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; or a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

**52 Notice of Action**

WITNESS my hand and Seal of this Court on December 23, 2019.

KEVIN MADOK, CPA, Clerk CLERK OF THE COURT  
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12/25/19, 01/01/20, 01/08/20, 01/15/20  
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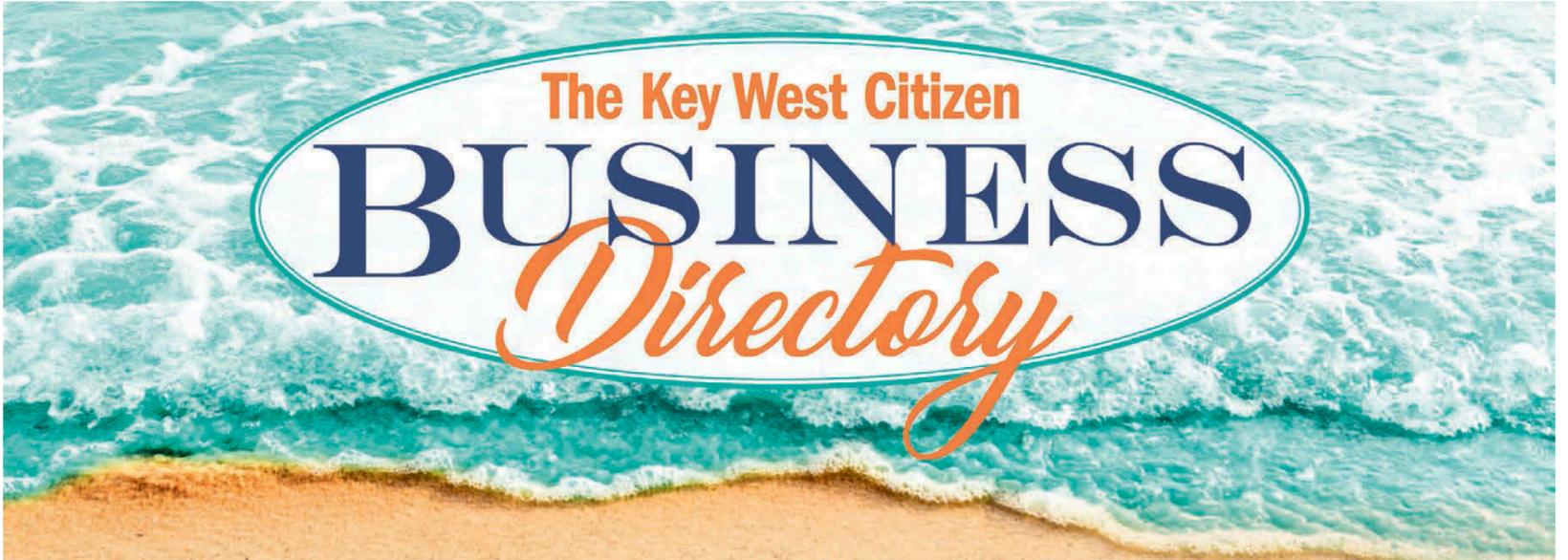
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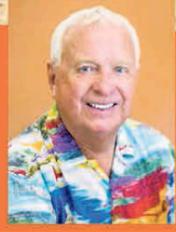
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**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Personal change will boost your morale and confidence. Fitness, health and a proper diet will help you improve your quality of life.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Take on responsibility and show everyone what you are capable of doing. Dealing with other people's jobs or problems will give you leverage when you need a favor.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) -- Don't jump to conclusions or make assumptions that will get you into trouble. Nothing will be as it appears. It's time to sit back and let others come to you.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) -- Push the boundaries, set big goals and exceed your expectations. Today is about discipline, hard work and proving what you can do. A personal change will prompt romance.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) -- Refuse to let the words or actions of others stand in your way. Handle an emotional matter very delicately. You will be amazed by how much you can learn if you listen.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) -- Do your own thing and enjoy what transpires. Take a unique approach to how you handle money, your health and contractual negotiations. Romance is in the stars.

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**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Take control and do whatever is necessary to improve your life. A change will lead to new opportunities. Don't fear letting go of something that is no longer working for you.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Outside pressure shouldn't daunt you or make you conform to someone else's dream. If you don't like what you see or hear, remove yourself from the situation that is causing you grief.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Handle money matters like an expert. Invest in your skills, talents and ideas. If you keep your feet planted firmly on the ground, you will make the right decisions. Romance is encouraged.

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MAN'S EXPLOSIVE ANGER CAUSES CONCERN FOR EASYGOING FIANCEE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm engaged to a wonderful guy. He is very sweet, and I'm beyond thankful for him. I wouldn't trade him for the world. But he has a character flaw that's hard to ignore. When he gets frustrated, he screams out loud and takes a while to get himself together.

When he lost his phone on a plane and was angry for hours, he pouted and scowled like the world had just ended. I have a very easygoing personality, and I don't understand this type of behavior. (He contacted his phone provider, and a new phone was delivered to him within 24 hours.)

When I talked to him about his anger, he said sometimes people get frustrated and show emotions. He added that he has noticed this issue, and it's something he's been working on for years. What should I do or say the next time we encounter a mishap and he becomes angry? -- **WONDERING IN WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**DEAR WONDERING:** Your fiancé may be a perfectionist or even have a touch of OCD, which is why he is so hard on himself when he makes a mistake and becomes frustrated. For his own sake (and yours), he needs to find a better way of venting his emotions.

While anger is something everyone experiences at one time or another, most people start learning to control it during childhood. While pouting and scowling are acceptable, your fiancé "screaming" over losing his cellphone seems over the top. Not only that, it is intimidating. My booklet "The

Anger in All of Us and How To Deal With It" contains suggestions for managing and constructively channeling anger in various situations. It can be ordered by sending your name and address, plus a check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to Dear Abby Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. Your fiancé needs to learn to channel his emotions more constructively because if he doesn't, it may eventually drive others away. We live in increasingly stressful times. It takes self-control

as well as maturity to react calmly instead of exploding. Being in touch with his emotions will not only help your fiancé calm himself without losing it, it will also help him maintain the respect of others.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a friend and co-worker who likes to play with my hair, rub my back and put her hands on me in general. I am not a touchy-feely kind of person with ANYONE, and it makes me very uncomfortable when she does this. Is there a polite way of telling her to stop without making her feel uncomfortable or hurting her feelings? I'm not a "beat around the bush" kind of person, and I sometimes lack the tact of putting things nicely. -- **NO TOUCHY-FEELY**

**DEAR NO TOUCHY-FEELY:** To express your feelings would not be lacking in tact; it would be setting a boundary. Try this: "I like you very much, and I know the feelings are mutual, but I do not like to be touched, and I want you to stop doing it."



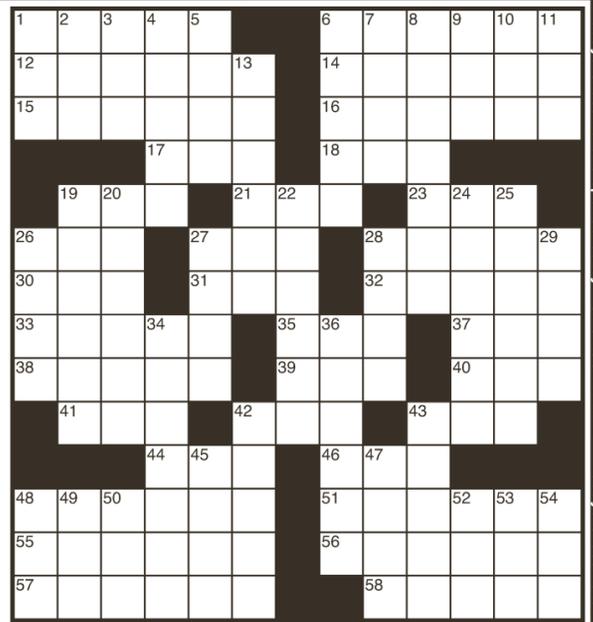
DEAR ABBY Abigail Van Buren

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- 5 Trevi Fountain site
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The bidding followed a predictable course. However, some Norths would respond three hearts, a pre-emptive jump in competition showing four trumps and a weak hand.

Looking at matters from declarer's point of view, he seemed to have only three losers: one spade and two diamonds. However, West found a resourceful defense.

He led the diamond ace and cashed the diamond king, East playing high-low to show his doubleton. From the point count, it was unlikely that East had an honor card that could take a trick. Instead, West set his eye on a trump winner.

At trick three, West cashed the spade ace. Then he led a low diamond. East, a fine fellow, ruffed with the heart seven, which effected an uppercut. South overruffed

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North  
♠ 8 5  
♥ K 9 4 2  
♦ J 7 6  
♣ K 10 7 4

West  
♠ A 7  
♥ J 10 8  
♦ A K Q 8 4 3  
♣ 9 6

East  
♠ 10 9 6 4 3 2  
♥ 7  
♦ 9 2  
♣ 8 5 3 2

South  
♠ K Q J  
♥ A Q 6 5 3  
♦ 10 5  
♣ A Q J

Dealer: South  
Vulnerable: Both

South West North East  
1♥ 2♦ 2♥ Pass  
4♥ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: ♦ A

with the queen, but West collected a trump trick.

Note two things. First, West did well not to lead the diamond queen at trick four. When you want partner to ruff, lead a loser, not a winner. Second, on this deal it was not necessary to cash the spade ace first. But if South had 1=5=2=5 distribution, and West led the third diamond without cashing the spade ace, when East ruffed, declarer could have discarded his spade, making a loser-on-loser play.

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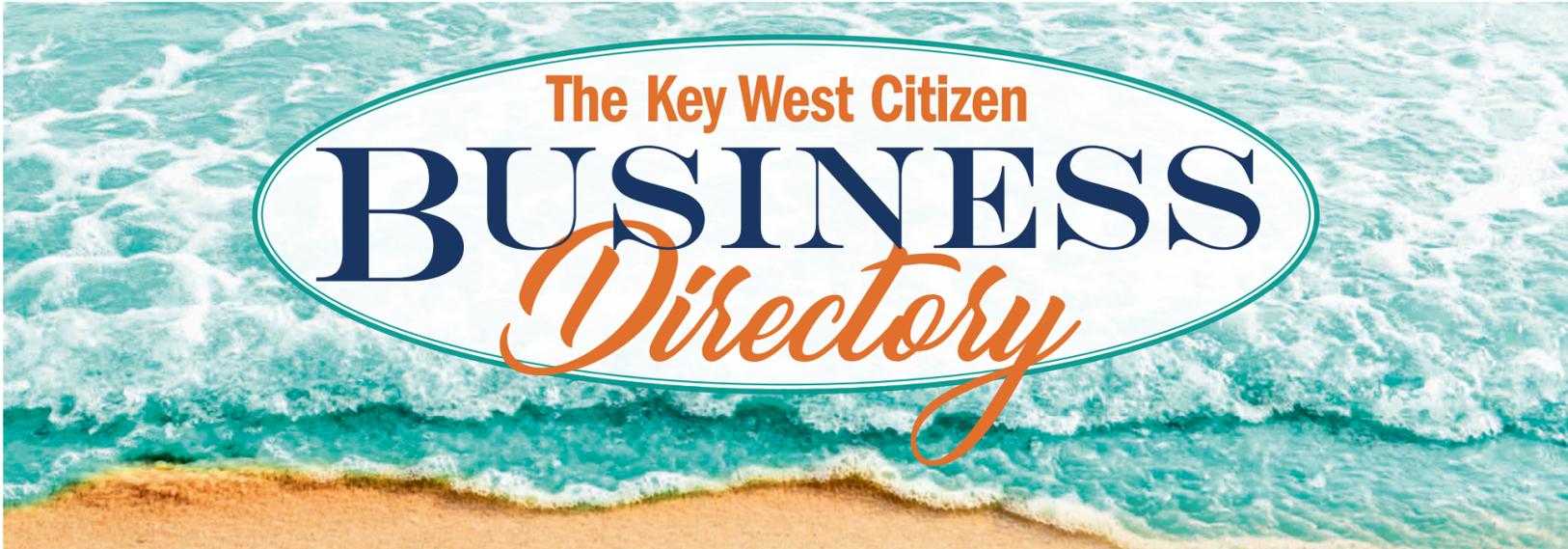
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5	8	6	4	9	7	3	2	1
1	5	9	6	2	4	8	3	7
7	2	3	8	5	9	4	1	6
6	4	8	7	3	1	9	5	2
8	6	2	5	7	3	1	9	4
9	7	5	1	4	8	2	6	3
3	1	4	9	6	2	7	8	5

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